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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,374,037	4/2002	Okada et al.			
	AB	5,737,478	4/1998	Yamagishi et al.			

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